

Summary of Features

Career Matchmaker

Career Matchmaker is an internationally respected interest assessment tool. It is a great place to start the career exploration process.

- » You can answer as few as 39 questions, or as many as 116 – depending on your needs
- » Additional details are available for each question by clicking on the “More Info” button
- » The resulting career suggestions list includes 40 occupations ranked in order of suitability
- » By clicking on an occupation, you can receive clear feedback on exactly why the occupation is considered to be a good match for you
- » You can tailor your list of career suggestions to match your education goals by specifying the level of education you plan to complete
- » The “See how other careers match up with my answers” feature helps you understand why other careers don’t appear on your career suggestions list
- » The “My Skills” component allows you to see if you have the skills necessary for the careers that match your interests

Explore Careers

The Explore Careers section gives you several different ways to search for careers:

- » Keyword search
- » Search by school subject
- » Career cluster search
- » Career Selector

Each in-depth occupation profile includes the following information:

- » Job Description
- » Working Conditions
- » Earnings
- » Education & Training
- » Direct links to related college and university programs
- » Sample Career Path
- » A list of related occupations
- » Links to other sources of information
- » Photofile
- » Multimedia interviews (2 per occupation)

Explore Education and Training

This section of Career Cruising provides comprehensive college, university, and vocational school information to help you plan your education and training. You can:

- » Search for schools by name or by state
- » Search for college, university, and vocational school programs by name or by using a cluster search tool
- » View detailed information on 2 and 4-year colleges, graduate schools, and vocational schools
- » Use School Selector to find schools that match your criteria
- » View detailed information on thousands of financial aid programs
- » Use Financial Aid Selector to find programs you may be eligible for

My Portfolio

Within My Portfolio, you can keep track of all of your career exploration activities. You can:

- » Bookmark careers and schools of interest
- » Store SDCAP results, including Career Matchmaker interest assessment results, Aptitude Profiler results, and your results from other career assessments
- » Create and save your Personal Learning Plan
- » Maintain a diary of your thoughts on your career and life goals
- » Document your career exploration experiences, such as youth internships, pre-apprenticeships, senior experiences, entrepreneurship, and work experiences
- » Record your skills, abilities, extracurricular activities, hobbies, and awards
- » Build a customized resume